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PRICE THREE

Cut! Cut! Cut!

This is the order of our prices at present, and those who have called on us have found a genuine cut in every article offered them. It is just as we told you in our previous ad., we are determined to dispose of the large stock we have on hand, and

Men's, Boys' and Children's CLOTHING, Boot, Shoes and Rubber Goods ..

must go at Remarkable Low Prices. Come in early and have a large line to select from.

Men's and Young Men's .. Overcoats ..

Unexampled offerings of good clothes at January prices. Here are the straight statements of fact:

Men's Melton Greatcoats, 52 inches long; Belt and Tourist Coats; 15 and 18 garments of all-wool fancy Scotch goods; year-end sale, \$12.50; worth up to \$18.00.



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Men's 52-inch all-wool Frieze Greatcoats, serge lined; 46 and 48-inch Melton Box Coats and 52-inch all-wool Fancy Belt Overcoats; year-end sale .. \$10.00

\$5.00 for \$7.50 and 8.50 Overcoats. Elsewhere they'd be \$10.00.

\$7.50 for \$10 and \$12 Overcoats. Elsewhere they'd be \$15.

Men's and Young Men's .. Suits ..

Men's Custom Tailored Worsteds Suits, double and single breasted; year-end sale .. \$10.00

Youths' all-wool Black and Fancy Suits; year-end sale .. \$6.00

Youths' 50-inch Melton Overcoats and all-wool Fancy Belt Coats; year-end sale .. \$6.00

Youths' Black Thibet and Fancy Worsteds Suits; year-end sale .. \$8.00

Youths' 50-inch Black and Oxford Frieze Overcoats and Fancy Single and Double-Breasted Tourist Coats; year-end sale .. \$8.00

Children's all-wool Blue Cheviot Eton Suits, sizes 3 to 8, and Oxford Melton Box Coats, sizes 8 to 16; year-end sale .. \$2.95

Children's all-wool Russian Overcoats, sizes 3 to 8, and Oxford Melton Box Coats, sizes 8 to 16; year-end sale .. \$2.95

Children's Eton Suits, Russian Suits, 3 to 10, Double-Breasted Suits, Double-Breasted Suits and Three-Piece Suits, 8 to 16; year-end sale .. \$4.95

\$5.00 for our \$7.50 and \$8.50 Suits. Elsewhere they'd be \$10.00.

\$6.00 for our \$8.50 and \$10 Suits. Elsewhere they'd be \$12.00.

\$7.50 for our \$10 and \$15 Suits. Elsewhere they'd be \$15.

\$8.50 for our \$12 Suits. Elsewhere they'd be \$15.00.

Men's Women's and Children's Shoes

We handle a fine line of Shoes in every conceivable style and price, it will pay to give us a call and see if this statement is not so. It would be impossible to describe this large stock as our advertising is limited. If you call and inspect them personally you will see what we claim is absolutely correct.

THE GLOBE CLOTHING STORE

S. M. ROSENBERG, PROP.

MIDDLETOWN, - DELAWARE

BACK IN MY OLD QUARTERS

EAST MAIN STREET

OPPOSITE PEOPLE'S NATIONAL BANK

I HAVE THE LARGEST, FRESHEST and CHEAPEST LINE OF Confections

TO BE FOUND IN MIDDLETOWN

LOWNEY'S CHOCOLATES

IN LARGE QUANTITIES

Large Assortment of Fine Chocolates at 25 Cents. These Candies cannot be bought in this town at this low figure.

Mixtures from 10c to 40c per lb.

TOYS, NUTS AND FIGS

Fruit Cake, Pound Cake, Lady Cake, Mixed Cakes.

FRESH BREAD, PIES, CAKES, DOUGHNUTS DAILY

PAUL WEBER'S BAKERY

MIDDLETOWN, DEL.

THE TRANSCRIPT, \$1 Per Year In Advance.

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JOHN SIMPERS SUSPECTED

State's Attorney Says He Can be Tried for Murder

RECORD OF ELKTON MAN

BALTIMORE, Jan. 30th. — Detectives Weaver and Dougherty of the local headquarters' force, who have made startling discoveries in the Constable murder mystery, and who have woven a strong chain of circumstantial evidence which points to John Simpers, a convict now serving time in the Maryland Penitentiary, as the murderer of the prominent Cecil County lawyer are still following the scent.

A special dispatch from Elkton says: "The Cecil County authorities were surprised at the news that Detectives Weaver and Dougherty of the Baltimore Detective Department had recovered Mr. Albert Constable's gold watch in the pawn shops conducted by Joseph Reider at 128 Market street, Philadelphia. That the murder was committed by the convict Simpers is believed now by everybody in this locality. The authorities here, who took little stock in and gave but little encouragement to the investigation made by the Baltimore detectives, were surprised at the way in which the case was worked up in such short time. The key to the mystery was given the detectives by the negro John Holland, who, while a prisoner in the Elkton Jail, awaiting trial as the murderer, overheard a conversation between Simpers and his brother, Lewis Simpers. Holland also saw the convict hand his brother a pocketbook, telling him it contained money and pawn tickets.

"The detectives located Lewis Simpers and questioned him in reference to the pocketbook. He at once told them that he had sent it to his sister in Philadelphia.

"Simpers, who is 23 years old, is the youngest son of the late John Simpers of near Elkton. From the time he was a small boy he gave his parents considerable trouble, and during the reign of 'outlaw' racing in this section he aspired to become a jockey. Four years ago he got into trouble with his step-father and was shipped out, locating in Philadelphia, where he learned printing, which he was following at the time he was arrested for horse-stealing. Simpers, who absented himself from work on August 16th to August 31st, first came to Elkton on August 17th, where he was seen by several people. On August 18th, the night the crime was committed, he was seen by Mrs. Frank and Anna Gould (colored) following Mr. Constable up Red hill. As he was well known by both women, they never for a moment dreamed that he was the strange white man who had stopped at John Holland's house and told him to go to Constable's assistance. As Simpers had spent most of his life in the vicinity of Red hill, he was very familiar with almost every nook and corner of the woods, which made his escape into Elkton very easy. The man was also seen at the Elkton depot making inquiries as to the next northbound train for Philadelphia, he having missed the 8.25 P. M. train by 10 minutes.

"When Simpers was brought into court, charged with horse-stealing, he confessed having stolen two horses and was sentenced to the penitentiary for eight years. When taken back to jail he became very uneasy and was anxious to be taken to the penitentiary as quickly as possible. The crimes committed by the young man are as daring as any of the old timers. He first stole John M. Tucker's valuable horse after the murder of Mr. Constable. He came back, and entering Frank Cordean's stable, hitched up a horse and drove to Wilmington, where he was compelled to put the animal in a livery stable in order to get new harness. While he was gone after the harness word was telegraphed to the Wilmington police to look out for the stolen horse, and later Simpers was arrested.

"Whether the local authorities will ask the Circuit Court to reconvene the December Grand Jury in order to expedite the case is problematical. The feeling is very bitter against Simpers, and the authorities believe it best not to have him brought to the Elkton jail. The young convict's family are heart-broken over the charge made against him, as they are respectable people in this community."

State's Attorney Albert S. J. Owens was asked this morning to give an opinion as to the method of legal procedure against Simpers. "I have not yet consulted the law on the subject," said Mr. Owens, "and my opinion must, therefore, be simply offhand, but there is no doubt in my mind that Simpers can be brought to trial for the murder of Mr. Constable at once, and, if convicted of murder in the first degree, can be executed. The proper procedure, I believe, would be to take the man from the custody of the warden of the penitentiary by means of a writ of habeas corpus. He can then be brought before the county court for trial, and, if convicted of murder in the first degree, he can be remanded to jail to await the execution of sentence of death. As I view the matter, there would be no necessity for Governor Warfield to pardon Simpers in order to obviate the necessity of his serving the eight-year term which he is now under in the penitentiary."

To make potatoes white when cooked they should be allowed to lie pared in cold water for about two hours.

Hash can be improved by moistening it with nicely seasoned stock.

Arrowroot flour makes the best snow cake.

A cupful of tomato, cauliflower or green peas combined with milk or stock will give a good soup.

THE SNOW

Snow, snow the beautiful snow, Gracing the hills and valleys below; Covering the earth and covering the trees, Fanned and kept by the northern breeze.

Where are the fields, so verdant and green, Which in the summer are everywhere seen, Covered with flowers, so sweet and so bright, But changed from a green to a mantle of white?

Yes, Winter, your garment is pretty and white, A symbol of what is perfect and right. Wherever we are, wherever we go, We find nothing purer or whiter than snow.

But Winter, cold winter, you have driven away The pleasures of spring and summer's long day; And give in exchange what we cannot greet, The cold and the snow, the ice and the sleet.

But Old Sol will come with all his power And only will take but one short hour To wake King Snow from his long cold sleep And roll him into the watery deep.

So, Winter, you have no charms for me, And far from your fetters I long to be; And nothing but Nature's great law can bring The pleasure of passing from winter to spring.

DR. BARRETT'S PRAYER

In the absence of the temporary chaplain of the Delaware Legislature on January 25th Rev. Louis E. Barrett, D. D., offered the following prayer:

"O Lord, our Father, we are Thy servants, and before entering upon any duty affecting the interests of church or State, it is meet, right and proper, and our bounden duty, that we should invoke the Divine blessing and the Divine aid. We therefore ask Thy blessing to rest upon this legislative body. O, Lord, thou art better acquainted with these Senators than Thy servant who is praying to Thee in their behalf. Before they became Senators they were men, free moral agents; accountable to Thee for all their words and acts. The election to this responsible office does not absolve them from their responsibility to Thee. They have been sent here to discharge legislative duties affecting the weal of this State, but they appear unable to perform these duties. They seem to be involved in the winding passage of a labyrinthine dilemma, from which they are unable to deliver themselves. O, Lord, open their eyes that they may be able to see their ways out into the clear light of legislative duty. Give to them that spirit of mutual concession and compromise that will enable them to make an honorable adjustment of their difficulties, so that this Senate may become properly organized, and the wheels of legislation may move smoothly and successfully. Bless these Senators in their lives and health. Keep intact the health of their families while they are here discharging their duties. We believe them to be honorable and patriotic, desiring to do right, but how to reach the right they do not see. Let Thy blessing rest upon Thy servant, the chairman of this body and the lieutenant-governor of this State. May he have that wisdom, prudence and discretion so necessary in the discharge of his duties."

TOMATO CANNERS DISCOURAGED

All over the State and Peninsula tomato canners are wearing long faces and the prospects for 1905 are not considered good.

Farmers and fruit-pickers are now considering prices for tomatoes to be grown the coming season. The packers were generally unfortunate in not being able to dispose of their product last year at remunerative prices, and are inclined to make lower rates per ton. It is to be hoped that agreements will be reached and that there will be no curtailment of this very important industry on the part of the growers and those who pack the goods. The canning business contributes very largely to the prosperity of thousands of farmers and canning house operatives and the merchants who furnish them with supplies. For at least six weeks each year it gives a great impetus to trade in nearly every town and village on the peninsula, by circulating among the working people alone more than a hundred thousand dollars, to say nothing of the vastly greater sums which go into the pockets of the land-owners.

A TEST OF NERVE

Among the Indian tribes the method of fighting duels differs. There are some tribes where a challenge to a duel means inevitably that both men must die. When an Indian feels aggrieved he demands a combat. The day for the same is fixed far in advance and is made the occasion of a little celebration. The entire tribe assembles. The braves sit in a circle, behind them their squaws and the young bucks.

The offended man is armed with a rifle or a shotgun. The challenged principal is unarmed. At a word both men arise and face each other, the unarmed man baring his breast to the bullet of his adversary. With eyes riveted on the little round hole at the end of the barrel pointed at him, the doomed man must face the protracted ordeal of expecting death at any instant without the least sign of weakening. The executioner may hold his gun as long as he pleases in order to try to break down his enemy. He may raise it and lower it or hold it steadily on the man under the frightful strain, but not even with an eyelid must the unfortunate betray his anxiety. At last the gun cracks, and the bullet speeds its way and the victim lies dying. The slayer hands the weapon to relative or a friend of the deceased and is put through the same ordeal.

BEEF TRUST IS CRUSHED

Unanimous Decision Declares It an Unlawful Combine

MAY BE HEAVILY PUNISHED

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 30th. — Probably the most decisive and far-reaching victory ever won by the Federal Government in legal proceedings against a Trust was scored today, when the Supreme Court handed down a unanimous decision sustaining the validity of the injunction granted by Judge Grosscup, of Chicago, against the Beef Trust.

The scope of the decision as well as its unanimity gives the keenest satisfaction to the Administration, whose hands are greatly strengthened thereby for dealing with other similar combinations in restraint of trade which are now under investigation by the Department of Justice or the Department of Commerce and Labor with a view to beginning legal proceedings against them.

It is believed by members of the Administration that the general moral effect of today's decision will be marked and salutary in fields other than those immediately covered by it through the demonstration it affords that the Federal Government has in its hands weapons which can reach even the strongest and most adroitly conceived and managed combinations of men who seek to establish practical monopolies in any line of commerce.

Now for Criminal Proceedings

It is the understanding, moreover, that the Government is fully resolved to follow up the advantage it gained through the decision by beginning without delay criminal proceedings against the chief promoters of the Beef Trust. There is no doubt the Department of Justice and Labor have in their possession ample proof that the Trust has continued its business without change of method, regardless of the injunction issued against it many months ago by Judge Grosscup. The agents of the Department of Commerce who investigated the Trust last summer collected a mass of evidence concerning its operations extensive enough to fill a freight car.

This evidence shows in the minutest detail, it is said, the methods the Trust has pursued in all branches of its business and establishes the fact that there was no change in its aims or procedure because of the Grosscup injunction. The Trust has gone on violating the law in every particular, as if no injunction had been issued against it, not only leaving itself liable to the penalties provided for such violation of the Interstate Commerce Commission act, but the more severe punishment visited for flagrant contempt of Court.

Nearly a month ago, it is said, the Administration became convinced that the Supreme Court would uphold the validity of the Grosscup injunction. Steps were taken looking to immediate further proceedings against the Trust when the decision was handed down. District Attorney Bethea, of Chicago, was called to Washington and spent two days here in consultation with the President and Attorney General Moody. The purpose of these consultations, it is understood, was to prepare the way for criminal proceedings against the chief promoters and active managers of the Trust.

Attorney General Moody would not say this afternoon what further steps the Government would take in the case, but it is the general belief here that a move along the lines indicated will be made speedily. The Administration has been placed in a position of great advantage to deal a crushing blow to all Trusts by today's decision, and if it does not follow it up by closing in for a final struggle with the gigantic Beef Combine, there will be general surprise.

Effect of the Decision

The opinion of the Court was handed down by Justice Holmes, and is based chiefly on three points, will hereafter prohibit the Beef Trust from doing these things:

1. Operating as a combination to prevent competition for the purchase of cattle. This will benefit farmers and shippers of cattle. In his argument before the Court Attorney General Moody held that a steer delivered at the stock yards in Chicago is an original package under the Interstate Commerce act.
2. Effecting a combination to control the selling price of meat products. This will benefit consumers.
3. Combinations between the packers and railroad by which discriminating freight rates can be obtained. This will benefit both the shippers and consumers.

RISKY SURGEY

Inoculation against smallpox preceded the modern method of vaccination and was attended with a good deal of danger. Thomas Dimsdale was the foremost advocate of inoculation. He inoculated Empress Catherine of Russia. This was in 1768. There was considerable danger to life in undergoing this artificially induced disease. The czarina, therefore, arranged that during the whole course of the illness of her son and herself there should be relays of swift horses kept constantly ready attached to carriages all along the post road, the nearest way out of Russia.

Catherine told Dimsdale that if bad symptoms displayed themselves he was not to remain to look after her, but to fly for his life without delay or compunction. She well knew that he would not be safe if she or the heir of Russia died in his hands.

She gave him an order of the most urgent kind from herself to the successive postmasters not to delay him for a minute on any pretext. Dimsdale received a fee of about \$50,000 from the empress and other gifts besides.

WASHINGTON LETTER

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 28th, 1905.

HON. Champ Clark a member of Congress from Missouri, elected a more popular theme for his wit in the advocacy of higher pay for the school teachers of the District of Columbia than he frequently has the fortune to exploit. There are few men and women in the United States who drilled knowledge into their heads were entitled to higher pay than they got, and of that great army who have been school teachers not a dissenting voice to the teachers' right to higher pay could be found. Champ Clark himself belongs to this army and in language vivid if not Addisonian he described to the House of Representatives his experiences and opinions. He informed Congress and the country that he was a teacher at fifteen and the President of a college at twenty-three years of age. If Macanley were still alive he might add Champ Clark a list of his "warnings to the eminent and consolations to the obscure" with the explanation that Byron and Bonaparte were scarcely in line with Mr. Clark for they were twenty-four and twenty-five respectively when they had achieved fame while Mr. Clark was president of a college at twenty-three. Inasmuch as Mr. Clark was president only one year it may be presumed that the college saw in time the injustice it was doing the nation in keeping him out of politics. The school m'arms did not get the increase of salary demanded but they had saved money enough to buy bouquets for Mr. Clark and his desk at the Capitol was covered with their tributes of appreciation.

The army appropriation bill has passed and through the efforts of Senator Lodge and other near friends of the President the appropriation has been made so as to allow full pay to General Miles notwithstanding he will be drawing pay on the Military staff of Governor Douglass of Massachusetts. During the debate on the army bill Senator Hale of Maine who is perhaps the star grumbler of the Senate took occasion to criticize with great severity the army staff bill which was passed at the last session of Congress through the urgent efforts of ex-Secretary Root and bitterly opposed by General Miles. It is well known that under the old system the official corps of our army was about as obsolete in its organization and about as ineffective in its action as would be an old flint lock musket for military purposes. All Asia to say nothing of Europe had adopted a far more modern and effective system but the old system finds its eulogist in such bonfire strategists as Senator Hale of Maine. It came out in the debate that he had had to wait ten minutes or to "cool his heels" as he expressed it in an office of the war department for an interview with one of the military officers appointed under the new law. "I was now always thus" and Senator Hale looks back on a time when he did not have to complain of "cold feet."

President Roosevelt continues to make speeches and write letters to everybody and on every subject. It is almost marvelous that any man can talk and write so much and make so few breaks. A denunciation of Episcopal bishops charged with anti-divorce thunder called on him yesterday and he told them in substance that he was with them in everything that tended to the promotion of family ties and home stabilities and large families. The President has been twice married and is the father of six children, so that doubtless he feels equipped to have a heart to heart talk with the nation on its martial affairs whenever the opportunity presents. The Washington Clergyman who said that while he was an ardent admirer of the President he could wish that Roosevelt was not so bent on being the "Father of us all" is probably not surprised to find him expressing himself on the divorce problem. Having undertaken to adjust strikes, trust, railroad, the tariff the navy the currency and the size of our families he probably regards the divorce question as "dead easy" but as a Senator said "The man who is competent to talk about divorce is the man who has procured a divorce or tried and failed, and a happily married man has no more right to dictate divorce laws than he has to make rules for the care of babies." Whether this is logical or not is different to say but the Bishops regard the work of securing the President as an accomplishment in virtue as the most important accomplishment of their conference here.

Senators Hale and Bacon who in a spasm of jealousy for the rights of the Senate temporarily forgot the constitution of the United States or thought the President was about to set it aside in his transaction with the little Republic of Santo Domingo have had their timid apprehensions allayed by a communication from the State Department. The new relations between the Countries by which the United States will assume the right to administer the affairs of Santo Domingo cannot be brought about without a treaty and in due course of events the Senate must give its consent to the treaty. That it will also give its advice no one acquainted with that deliberate and verbose body will doubt Senators Bacon and Hale will yet be heard from.

President Roosevelt whose energy is unflagging will break away from Washington every Monday and go to Annapolis where he will present the Naval Academy diplomas and make the graduates addresses. No one can safely predict what the President will say for there is little of the conventional and hackneyed in his speeches. He is perhaps the only President who audiences have been much interested to get nearer than mere seeing distance. Since the time in the theatre in Washington when he commended by name a local livery stable keeper for a charitable act seats in the bald headed row when the President performs are at a premium.

BOY WAS FATALLY

Bullet From Revolver of Companion Penetrates

YOUNG TOBIN HAD PISTOL

Fourteen-year-old Vanrankin Wisniewski Sunday evening was shot almost instantly killed by a companion while playing with a revolver. The bullet entered the center of the forehead and death ensued before the arrival of a physician.

The mother and sister are prostrated with grief and are inconsolable. The boy who did the shooting is also frantic with grief.

The shooting took place at the home of young Wisniewski shortly after 8 o'clock. The mother and sister of the victim of the bullet were attending services at St. Mary's M. E. Church of that city, leaving young Wisniewski home with three companions.

Wisniewski procured a loaded revolver the bullets were extracted, but he was placed, and a boy named Padgett, waving it about in a placidly discharging the weapon.

With the report Wisniewski with a cry of pain and showed that the bullet had entered the forehead. Screaming, the boy's companions notified James B. Toth, who happened and he in turn notified James B. Toth.

There was a pathologist Padgett went to the scene and the sad news to the mother. Dr. William F. notified of the shooting but upon his arrival he found it is evident that the time.

Coroner Purks was notified by Undertaker Chas. and gave the undertaking charge of the body.

DELAWARE

Receivers of the Delaware Company applied to the Saturday for permission to concern the property of the company on hand.

While feeding a corn field, in Miles Farm, in the morning, a member of the family caught his right hand in the machine. The fingers had to be amputated.

A protest against the new law of the City of Wilmington to elect a new member to the City Council was made by the present incumbent.

Work is expected to be started on the new Pennsylvania Railroad bridge over the Delaware River.

The Wilmington Board of the Legislature to the people to convert the Delaware Canal into a ship canal.

George F. Tibbitts, clerk of the Young Men's Christian Association, addressed a large meeting at the building for the Wilmington Theatre Sunday afternoon.

The had condition of streets has made the impossible for a week.

The Harlan & Hollingsworth will make a \$300,000 add building plant at Wilmington.

Struck by a snowplow, a year-old Earl Martin was Monday afternoon.

Five-year-old Tony S. boy, was found nearly Monday in a snow bank, Madison street, Wilmington Officer Max Hammond.

The Young Men's Christian Association of Wilmington has selected bits, of Rutland, Vt., brot F. Tibbitts, Interstate Secret organization, as its secretary.

CRUEL TREATMENT

Suffering from the cold and Thomas Brown, and two other claim homes in Philadelphia, shelter by the Wilmington Police City Hall left Wilmington Sunday for Baltimore for the filling a libel for wages against the Bay oyster boat. The tales of cruel treatment of oyster craft and claimed to practically without food for the ears and fingers of the frostbitten. They were put for money and reached Wilmington after suffering from cold and heat who was spokesman for the two said and his companions had been shanghaied on board the oyster boat in Baltimore and after leaving port they were subjected to all kinds of rough treatment.

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LEGISLATURE

of the legislature have
Monday until Thursday.
visited Delaware College, at
and the State Hospital, at Farm-
representative Jester has introduced
to regulate the use of automobiles
motor vehicles in Delaware.
has been given of a bill to create
assistant attorney generals, one for
and one for Sussex county. The
is to receive an annual salary
\$10,000, while the salary of deputy at-
torney general, who shall reside in New
Castle County, will be \$10,000 a year. The
salary of the attorney general is to be in-
creased to \$8,000 a year.
Estrella Rash and Mrs. Carrie G.
have been engaged as official typewriters
at a salary of \$15 per week. They
have their offices on the third floor
of the state house.
representative Benson has introduced
a bill to appropriate \$10,000 for improve-
ment to the State College for colored
people near Dover.
representative Davis' bill to regular
beneficial societies is being pre-
sented to Insurance Commissioner George
H. and is expected to meet the
approval of the board. Dr. Marshall's
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giving them state recog-
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between the months of
and also prohibits the
exporting of oysters from
mouth of the Mispillion
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to \$4,000 a year. The
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to receive \$300
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colored people, who
admitted from that county.
Mr. Smith also pre-
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hospital. The state shall
first year \$20,000 for
and maintenance, and
\$100 for maintenance.
be controlled by nine
from each county
members of the county
and appointed by the
is recommended by
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the legislature were
afternoon, each party
lawyer of its choice.
are; Francis M.
Republican; James E.
Republican; Albert E.
Walker lives near
Satterfield is a resident
Polk lives in George-
nel for a previous legis-

MILFORD CRIME

authorities are investigating
the 13-year-old daughter of
George, colored, of Milford, who
was found with the body of a new
resident in a deserted house
section of the town Tuesday
the father of the dead girl is
in crime and it is said that
the other members of the
of the girl's condition they
the house and left her in-
to be made an in-
house of the sudden disap-
family and found the
and girl and her babe.
Detective Francis will make an in-
vestigation. He will endeavor to locate
the family of the girl at once.

MAN OF LAW FOR FOOTBALL PLAYERS

A surprising piece of legislation emanated from Senator Rose, an Assemblyman from Newark, the seat of Delaware College, in the shape of a bill to outlaw football. It prohibits and puts on the same scale with the fighting the famous college game, and will probably apply the same penalties prescribed for holding the same. Senator Rose brought in the measure Thursday and will introduce it this week. Any college or public school receiving directly or indirectly, financial aid from the state, hereafter permitting training for and participation in football games on the part of its students, will suffer loss of dividend until football is abolished.

Post Office Rebuilt

The Court's Bridge postoffice, which is located at Davitt's Mill, was broken into on Sunday night. All the stamps and some small coins were stolen. The floor was scattered with papers that were taken from the safe. The robbery is supposed to have been the work of thugs, as several were seen in the vicinity on that day.

CHESAPEAKE CITY ITEMS

Mrs. Oakley Barwick is spending some-
time in Morrisville, Pa.
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Rees are visiting
relatives in Philadelphia.
Mr. John W. Johnson celebrated his
88th birthday on Thursday.
Mr. Thomas Howard has been spend-
ing several days in Philadelphia.
Mr. James Johnson is confined to his
home threatened with pneumonia.
Rev. E. H. Daubell has been spending
a few days in Queen Anne's county.
Mr. Thomas Perry, of Smyrna, Del., is
visiting his brother Rev. S. M. Perry.
Mr. Arthur Stone, of Philadelphia, is
visiting his aunt, Mrs. George Stevens.
Mr. George Houch has been spending
a few days in Philadelphia and vicinity.
Rev. Mr. Taylor, of Bethel M. E. Church
preached here on Tuesday evening.
Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Woolley have been
spending a few days with Baltimore
friends.
Miss Evelyn Kibler, of Town Point, has
been spending a few days with Miss Flor-
ence Ege.
Mr. B. Frank Stevens has bought of
Messrs. Banks & Houch several acres of
woodland near town.
Mr. and Mrs. Day Cantwell and child-
ren, of Elkton, spent Sunday with Mr.
and Mrs. D. P. Boulden.
The Presbyterians are making prepara-
tions to present Mrs. Wiggs of the Cab-
bage Patch in the near future.
The Tug Albert Ellis, of the Back Creek
Towing Co., had to return to Baltimore
last Thursday owing to the heavy ice in
the bay.
Mr. Joseph Gillingham has tendered
his resignation as president of the Ches-
apeake & Delaware Canal and his suc-
cessor will be chosen at a general meet-
ing of stockholders to be held in Philadelphia
on February 20th.
The snow storm on Wednesday was the
worst in this neighborhood since 1894.
Mr. Wharton was unable to reach Elkton
for three trips the greatest number he
has missed in his 20 years service as mail
carrier. The telephone service, kept up
in touch with the outside world how-
ever.

SAFFRAS

The sleighing here is very fine.
Mrs. B. Caulk is lying seriously ill with
pneumonia.
Mrs. W. H. Spry has been very sick for
the past fortnight.
Miss Lillie Pierce and brother George
visited Saffras on Sunday.
Mrs. Caroline Johns, of near town, is
lying seriously sick with the grip.
Miss Alice Walters was the guest of
Miss May Dreka on Wednesday.
Mr. and Mrs. John F. Ernest are enter-
taining Miss Lydia Porter, of Smyrna.
The guest of Mrs. Emma Stradley, of Galena, is the
Miss Mrs. Stradley, of Galena, is the
guest of her sister, Mrs. William Stradley.
Mr. Thomas Stradley, of Galena, visited
his daughter, Mrs. William Stradley,
Wednesday.
Miss Nowland, of Middletown, is being
entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Harry
Griffith.
Mrs. Jesse Shepherd, of Middletown,
visited her mother, Mrs. B. Caulk, on
Tuesday.
Mr. and Mrs. John F. Ernest enter-
tained Mr. and Mrs. John Tarrington
on Tuesday.
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Griffith are enter-
taining her niece, Miss Elizabeth Lindley
of Eastville, Va.
Mrs. William Stradley has been very
sick for the past fortnight but is now very
much improved.
Dr. J. J. Wright, of Warwick, has been
very busy attending cases of pneumonia
and grip in and near town.
Mr. Earl Davis who has been visiting
relatives in Wilmington for the past
ten days returned home on Saturday.
Mr. Robert M. Griffith, of Pillsburg,
Pa., is being entertained by his sister,
Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Statts, near town.
Judge and Mrs. W. Sheppard Morris
of near town, were entertained Tuesday
by their son, Mr. and Mrs. W. Sheppard
Morris.
Mrs. Temperance Ford, who has been
seriously ill for some weeks with pneu-
monia, we are pleased to state is much
improved.
Miss Anna Ponderley, of Philadelphia,
is being entertained by Mrs. Rachel
Stradley at the home of Mr. Robert W.
Johnston, near town.

ODESSA

Mr. J. G. Brown visited Philadelphia
on Thursday.
Mr. Harry Townsend spent Sunday
with his parents.
Rev. R. L. Hallett is spending this week
with his parents at Milford.
Miss Hannah Wilson, of Townsend,
was the guest of friends in town on Sun-
day.
Rev. J. M. Asters was very pleasantly
entertained at Maryland a few days last
week.
Mr. Frank Ward has returned after
spending a few days with relatives in
Chesapeake.
Mr. F. B. Watkins visited his sister,
Mrs. R. J. Ford, at East Orange, N. J.,
Tuesday.
Mrs. Howard Morris, of Chester, visited
her parents Mr. and Mrs. William Rhein,
from Saturday until Monday.
Mr. Willard E. Spicer, of Philadelphia,
spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and
Mrs. Charles Spicer near town.
Miss Bertha Stevens left Wednesday for
Chester where she will spend two weeks
with her sister, Mrs. John Stewart.
The Epworth League of St. Paul M.
E. Church will render the drama "Brass
Buttons" in Odessa Hall on the evening
of February 22d. A festival feature will
follow the drama by local talent, and the
League invites all its friends to be present
on that evening. Fuller particulars will
be given later.

ST. GEORGES

Dr. J. W. DeWitt was a Newark visi-
tor on Thursday.
Clark Thompson was the guest of rela-
tives at Kirkwood several days last week.
Presiding Elder A. S. Mobray preached
in the M. E. Church on Sunday evening.
William Cox and wife spent Sunday
with their son Walter and family at
Wrangle Hill.
The blizzard of last week has banked
the roads to such an extent that travel-
ing is almost impossible.
Misses Harriett Carrow and Mattie
Murry were entertained over Sunday by
William Aspell and family.
Miss Mattie Swain and A. J. Hughes,
of Philadelphia, paid a visit to George
Swain and wife on Sunday.
Mrs. A. N. Sutton spent several days
last week with her daughter, Mrs. Clar-
ence Pool, near McDonough.
Miss Anna Moore, of Wilmington, is
spending a week's vacation with her
parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Moore.
Miss Julia Paynter returned home on
Tuesday from a month's stay with friends
in Girdlestone, Georgetown and Dover.
Mrs. Thomas Swan delightfully enter-
tained the members of her Sunday School
class and their lady friends on Wednes-
day evening.
Miss Sara Milligan returned from a
visit to Baltimore on Monday and was
accompanied home by her friend, Miss
Marie Patterson, of that city.
Don't forget the supper to be given by
the Light Committee of the Presbyterian
Church, in Odd Fellows' Hall, on Tues-
day and Wednesday evenings of next
week.
The birthday party of the W. C. T. U.
which was to have been held last Thurs-
day evening, but was postponed on ac-
count of the storm, will be held in the
near future; date not decided on.
The entertainment which was given so
successfully by the young people a
week ago for the benefit of National
Lodge, No. 32, I. O. O. F., will be re-
peated with several additional dialogues
and music, in Central Hall, Delaware
City, on Saturday evening, February 11th,
for the benefit of the same order.

TOWNSEND

Mrs. Annie Ernest, of Philadelphia,
visited George Watts and family Monday.
Mrs. Maggie Lee visited her daughter,
Mrs. John Morris, near Smyrna, last
week.
James L. Dickerson has purchased the
fine young pacer of W. W. Naylor, of
Odessa.
Archie Finley, of Philadelphia, spent
Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Emma
Finley.
Miss Lily Baker, of Dover, was the
guest of Mrs. Harman Reynolds over
Sunday.
Mr. J. V. Hayman is erecting two new
houses on South street, opposite the
school yard.
Miss Ethel Dayett, of Clayton, was
the guest of Mr. I. P. Pritchard and
family last week.
Mrs. James Watts returned to her
home in Cecilton Tuesday after spend-
ing a week with Mrs. W. N. Watts.
The Ushers Union will hold their regu-
lar monthly meeting this (Saturday)
evening. The ushers for to-morrow
are Messrs. Wilmer Fennimore and Wil-
liam Naylor.
Mrs. Elizabeth Webster who died Fri-
day after a lingering illness, was buried
from the residence of her son, William
Webster, near town, on Monday after-
noon. Interment was made in Union
Cemetery.
Mr. and Mrs. Mortimer Gibson, of
Kent Island, Md., are visiting her
mother, Mrs. B. W. Hutchison, who
is very ill, having been stricken with
paralysis last week. At present Mrs.
Hutchison is somewhat improved.

CECILTON

Mrs. Catherine Smith is quite ill at
this writing.
Mrs. John Morris who has been quite
ill is improving.
Miss Hylie Boulden is visiting relatives
near Wilmington.
Miss Blanche Padley spent a few days
with Miss Lillie Short.
Miss Addie Ferguson is visiting her
sister in Chesapeake City.
W. Walker is suffering with pneumonia
at the home of Mrs. Conley, near town.
Mr. and Mrs. James T. Watts have re-
turned home after spending the past week
in Townsend.
Miss Bethah Filligame has returned
home after spending sometime with Mrs.
E. B. Pearce, of Philadelphia.
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Clark and child-
ren have been spending the past week
with Miss Mattie Vandegrift.
Owens Griffith, of Elkton High School
spent Saturday and Sunday with his
parents, Charles Griffith and wife.
Revival services will begin in the M.
E. Church to-morrow evening. Rev. W.
F. Dawson will be assisted by Evangelist
Ranshaw, of Pennsylvania.
William T. Howard and Miss Cath-
line Ferguson were quietly married by
Rev. W. A. Coale in the P. E. Church
on Tuesday, January 17th.
Mr. Samuel Wells Luby, of Cecilton,
Miss Helen M. Schrack, of Germantown,
Pa., were married on Tuesday, January
31st, at six o'clock, in St. Peter's Church,
Germantown, Pa.
Mrs. Mary Dawson gave a party in
honor of her daughter, Miss Mary's
eighteenth birthday on Saturday even-
ing, January 28th. About thirty-five
guests were present and at a reasonable
hour they were invited to the dining
room where refreshments were served.
A very nice time was had by all.

Raising Woolless Sheep

If breed practical and economical, a
breed of woolless sheep will be intro-
duced into the United States. On a farm
maintained by the bureau of animal in-
dustry, near Bethesda, Md., is a small
flock of woolless sheep that was brought
from the West Indies last summer by the
bureau of animal industry. It is hoped
these sheep may prove valuable for moun-
tain raising purposes in the extreme
southern parts of the United States,
where heavily woolled sheep often suffer
on account of excess fleece.

WARWICK

Did he see his shadow?
R. B. Merritt was an Elkton visitor on
Wednesday.
Miss Emma L. Vinyard returned to her
school on Monday.
Mr. Edgar Bishop is entertaining his
cousin from Kent County.
Rev. Frank S. Cain visited Baltimore
friends during the past week.
Mr. John H. M. Garner was on a busi-
ness trip to Millington on Tuesday.
At this writing we are receiving but
one mail a day and it is very irregular.
Rev. Charles A. Crowley has been visit-
ing friends out of town during the past
week.
Our town people opened the road from
the town limits to the Delaware line on
Monday.
Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Eaton visited Mr.
and Mrs. Harry Simmons, near Sassafras,
last Sunday.
Mrs. James S. Merritt visited her daugh-
ter, Mrs. Elwood Williams, during the
past week.
Washington Camp, No. 8, P. O. S. of
A., meets every Wednesday evening in
Merritt's Hall at 7 o'clock.
The coal and wood supply which was
about exhausted in town, was partly re-
plenished during the past week.
Mrs. R. M. Day and daughter, Miss
Daisy, are visiting her daughter, Mrs.
George Goldsborough, in Middle Neck.
Amos R. Merritt was in Baltimore dur-
ing the past week where he attended
an executive meeting of the P. O. S. of
A., as an accredited delegate of the local
camp.
By quick work by our young friend
Mr. Wilbert Woolleyman last Wednesday
evening, the house known as "Fair
Oak" was saved from fire. The joists
in the ceiling were ablaze but by the
use of axe and water the fire was exting-
uished without loss.
Washington Camp, No. 8, P. O. S. of
A., will hold their annual festival and
bazaar in their camp room on the eve-
ning of February 21st, 22d and 23d. A
set of hand-made harness will be placed
off, also a ton of coal, and fancy articles
of every description will be for sale.
Come out and have a good time. Oysters,
poultry and ice cream for sale at blizzard
prices.

Widows Pensioned Granted

Col. John Wainwright, of Wilmington,
has secured a pension for Hester A. Roth-
well, of Odessa, of \$8 a month from May
27th, 1903. She is the widow of Isaac
Rothwell, Co. F. 45 Regt. U. S. Colored
Troops.
REGISTER'S ORDER.
REGISTER OF WILL'S OFFICE,
NEW CASTLE COUNTY, DEL., Feb. 1, 1905.
Upon the application of John A. David,
Administrator of Benjamin F. David late of
Blackbird Hundred, in said county deceased,
it is ordered and directed by the Register
of Wills that the Administrator aforesaid give
notice of granting of Letters of Administration
upon the estate of deceased, with the date of
granting thereof, by causing advertisements
to be posted within forty days from the date
of such letters in lists of the most public place
of the County of New Castle, containing all per-
sons having demands against the estate to pre-
sent the same or abide by an act of
Assembly in such case made and revised;
and also cause the same to be inserted within
the same period in The New Castle Trans-
cript, a newspaper published in Middletown,
Del., and to be continued therein two months.
Given under the hand and seal of
(Said) said, at Wilmington, in New Castle
County aforesaid, the day and year above
written.
FRED E. BACH, Register of Wills.
NOTICE.—Notice is hereby given that Letters
of Administration were in use form of law
granted under the undersigned on the 1st
day of February A. D. 1905, and that all per-
sons having claims against the estate of the
deceased must present the same duly attested
to the said Administrator on or before the
First day of February 1906, or abide the Act
of Assembly in such case made and provided.

JOHN A. DAVID, Administrator.

Address, Taylors Bridge, Delaware.

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ponas, to me directed, will be exposed to
Public Sale, at Dickinson's Hotel, in the
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New Castle County, Delaware,
ON SATURDAY,
FEBRUARY 4, 1905,
At 9.45 o'clock, A. M.,
The following described Real Estate, viz:
Lands of Frank J. Kieffer situate in
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utes west one hundred and eighty-eight
degrees and six minutes east sixty-one
degrees and six minutes south twenty-six
degrees and six minutes east eighty-two
degrees and six minutes west one hundred
and seventy-three degrees; thence south
fifty degrees and six minutes east sixty-one
degrees and six minutes south twenty-six
degrees and six minutes east eighty-two
degrees and six minutes west one hundred
and seventy-three degrees to the place of Beginning.
Containing ninety-four acres and sixty-three
perches of land be the same more or less.
Seized and taken in execution as the
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5:45 p. m. and 9 p. m.
Going South—7:20 a. m., 10:05 a. m., 3:50 p. m.,
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For Newark, Cecilton and Earlville 9:20 a. m.
and 4:45 p. m.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., FEB. 4, 1905.

Local News.

The coal and wood man is having his innings.
"Grip" is prevalent in many sections of the county.

Everyone can drink ice water without any profit to the ice man.

Dr. W. E. Barnard, Dentist, Offices and residence adjoining the post office.

The peach crank will have to cease talking as long as the present cold weather continues.

Persons who have not filled their ice houses now have another chance to load up with a fine article.

Lent will be unusually late this year beginning March 28th, Ash Wednesday.

Easter occurs April 23d.

HORSE SHOEING.—Plain, 75 cents cash. Satisfaction guaranteed.

J. C. GREEN.

FOR RENT.—House and Stable now occupied by John W. Naylor East Main street.

G. E. HUKILL.

During these trying times look after the poor who happen to be in our midst, and see that they do not suffer.

FOR RENT.—Stable on West Main street, recently occupied by the late Dr. Hardcastle.

G. E. HUKILL.

FOR SALE.—The property of the late R. W. Cochran on Green street. Apply to J. B. MESSICK.

After October 1st the library will be open on Tuesdays from 3.30 to 5 o'clock, P. M., and on Saturdays from 3 to 5 o'clock and 7 to 8.30 o'clock, P. M.

The public sale of Mrs. Sallie W. Hardcastle will take place this afternoon at 1.30 o'clock, at her residence on West Main street. See ad. in another column.

The cold weather and deep snow is hard on the partridges and rabbits, and unless our sportsmen and farmers look after them our supply will be extinct. Feed the birds.

A movement has been started to have the Legislature pass an act requiring a license fee from each resident gunner. It has been explained whether farmers gunning on their own property are to be included in this list.

Mr. John E. Ginn has contracted to paper the large lodge room in the McWhorter building, on East Main street. The room when newly papered and grained will be one of the prettiest lodge rooms in the State. Mr. O. M. Matthews is doing the painting and graining.

A successor to Joseph E. Gillingham, president of the Chesapeake & Delaware Canal, who has resigned owing to prospective absence abroad, will be chosen at a meeting of the stock and bondholders at the company's office, 528 Walnut street, Philadelphia, on February 20th.

Are you going to get married? Are you going to home-keeping? Are you going to move, or when you clean house, and need any Furniture, Carpets, Matting or anything else in house furnishings I can save you money if you will see me before you purchase.

A. FOOTE.

We have taken the agency for the Model Cypress Incubator, and when we say all of the leading poultrymen of the country are using the Cypress, we are only saying what many in this community know is true. Would be glad to have you call and look it over.

J. F. McWINTER & SONS.

Uncle Remond.—The following list of letters remains unclaimed in the post office for the week ending January 28th:

Miss Ida May Briscoe, Miss Agnes Dewby, Miss Mary Louise Johnson, Mrs. Elith Wilson, (col) Mrs. Lizze Wilson, Charley Cooper, Charles B. Finley, Read Ford, William H. Henry, William Redson, Albert Sarkey.

A small fire at the residence of Mr. Eugene S. Long on Friday of last week, caused some excitement on Anderson street for a short time, but neighbors quickly put out the blaze. The fire was first discovered in the head of a couch, and in a short time the carpet and several other things in the room were burning. The total loss was about \$50, which is covered by insurance.

The challenge of the Port Penn Gun Club to shoot a match with the Middletown Shooting Association has just been brought to our notice, and we promptly accepted the same on behalf of the "M. S. A." The Secretary will communicate with Mr. Charles N. McMunn at once, and arrange details.

W. E. BARNARD, Field Captain.

A writer in an exchange recommends skating as a cure for "blues," and prescribes the following doses: "Skating is the attraction at present. Some can, others cannot, but all want to enjoy the pleasure of gliding over the crystal lake. Moderate exercise on steels with occasional x-ray smiles from some fair one is a cure-all for many of life's ills. A dose before each meal is not too often."

Persons living along routes of rural free delivery mail service should keep in mind the fact that the Postoffice Department has issued orders to the owners of vicious dogs that unless the animals are removed delivery of mail to those houses will be discontinued. It should be remembered that the roads must be kept in good repair and that the snow be shoveled away from the boxes, or mail need not be delivered.

If you will try, for a few days, to think only pleasant things of all people, and say none but pleasant things about them, you will be surprised at the results in your own heart and life. Your acquaintances, who, perhaps, are treating you with indifference and suspicion, will become friendly and full of hearty good will toward you. For there is no profounder than the world is what we make it ourselves. Our mental and moral atmosphere is entirely of our own creating. We may breathe the pure, sweet air of loving kindness if we will, or we may inhale the deadly miasma of hate and distrust. Just make experiment mentioned, that you will lengthen a few days or the week into a happy lifetime.

MR. AND MRS. E. J. ALLEE.

Card of Thanks
We wish to extend to our many friends and neighbors through the columns of THE TRANSCRIPT, our sincere thanks for their very great kindness and sympathy in our sad bereavement. We also wish to thank them very kindly for their very beautiful floral offerings, to our dear departed one.

MR. AND MRS. E. J. ALLEE.

Delaware College Societies' Debate
The annual debate between the Athenaeum and Delta Phi literary societies of Delaware College will be held on the evening of February 27th. The question for discussion is "Resolved, that Japanese success in the present war between Japan and Russia will best serve the interests of civilization." A representative from each society will be chosen after the discussion to represent the college in the debate with Maryland Agricultural College in March.

Card of Thanks
We wish to extend to our many friends and neighbors through the columns of THE TRANSCRIPT, our sincere thanks for their very great kindness and sympathy in our sad bereavement. We also wish to thank them very kindly for their very beautiful floral offerings, to our dear departed one.

MR. AND MRS. E. J. ALLEE.

PERSONALITIES
Mr. Samuel Price was in Philadelphia on Wednesday.

Miss Helen Cooke is visiting relatives in Camden, N. J.

Miss Clara Whitlock, of Philadelphia, is the guest of relatives here.

Miss Lenora Davis was the guest of friends in Townsend last week.

Mr. Joseph Hanson, of Wilmington, spent several days this week in town.

Mrs. W. B. Biggs is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Oscar G. Goodland, in New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Sulway, of Dover, spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Sulway.

Mrs. E. C. Green and daughter, Miss Eliza, have returned from a visit with friends at Bishopstow.

Mr. R. Louis Naudain, of Wilmington, was the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Naudain, near town, over Sunday.

Misses Mary Nowland and Elizabeth Lindley were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Griffith, near Sassafras, Md., several days this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles N. Dickerson and Miss Lillie Cole, of Wilmington, spent several days this week with Mr. and Mrs. John Webb.

We are sorry to learn of the critical illness of Mr. W. W. Wilson, who is confined to his bed at the home of his daughter, Mrs. VanSant, in Philadelphia.

Rev. C. T. Wyatt went to Baltimore on Monday afternoon to attend the funeral of Mrs. Elizabeth S. Wilson, which took place in that city on Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock. The body was temporarily deposited in a vault. Mrs. Wilson was a guest at Bethesda Parsonage for some days during the Xmas holidays. Rev. and Mrs. Wyatt returned home Wednesday evening.

ROLLS OF HONOR
The following are the pupils who have attained the average of 90 per cent. or better for the month ending January 31st:

DEPARTMENT No. 1.—Anna Denny, Prudence Lewis, Helen Davis, Ernest Sirman, Josephine Cochran, Helen Rowe, Emily Allee, Nevada Alrich, Isaac Gibbs, Lydia Dockett, Florence Bloomer, Helen Shepherd, Reece Darrington, Olin Davis, Frances Johnson.

DEPARTMENT No. 2.—Blanche Deakney, Mary Richards, Elsie Boulden, Harold Wilson.

DEPARTMENT No. 3.—Nellie Pyle, William Kirk, Bertha Whitlock, Roy Jolls, Leah Berkman, John Hoffacker, Della Muehlberg, Rosie Weber.

DEPARTMENT No. 4.—Reba Deakney, Estella Johnson, Anna Wilson, Frank Richards.

DEPARTMENT No. 5.—Elizabeth Orrell, Tim Hukill, Albert Rhodes, John Dickerson, Clifford Pyle, Perth Johnson.

SERIOUS EPIDEMIC AMONG HORSES
A disease has sprung up in Easton, Md., and vicinity which is playing havoc with horses, and as yet no one has found a remedy for it. The animals generally show signs of famishing and drink large quantities of water. Within the past three weeks a number of valuable horses have died.

Among those who have lost horses are William T. Williams, who lost a four-year-old black driving horse, which promised to be very fast. His brother, Charles M. Williams, also lost a fine bay mare. On Sunday night last, David Williams, who is a brother, lost a valuable three-year-old colt.

On the same night Lee Weinberg, of Easton, lost a fine trotting mare. On the same night Alexis Henry, who resides near Easton, lost a very valuable mare. A number of other people report their horses as being sick, and it is feared that a general epidemic may result.

GOV. LEA'S STAFF
DOVER, Feb. 2d.—Gov. Lea appointed his staff, to-day, as follows:

T. Coleman duPont, Wilmington, quartermaster-general, with ranks of brigadier-general.

Evan G. Shortridge, Wilmington, surgeon-general, with rank of colonel.

William D. Denney, aid-de-camp, with rank of colonel.

George H. Hall, Milford, inspector general, with rank of brigadier-general.

Weller E. Stover, of Wilmington, assistant quartermaster, with rank of lieutenant-general.

Joseph G. Ewing, Wilmington, inspector of rifle practice, with rank of colonel.

The governor also appointed Samuel Isechmidt and Thomas J. Bowen of Wilmington, notaries public.

CYRUS P. GEARS BUYS CAVENDER FARM
"Cyrus P. Gears proprietor of the Smyrna House has bought another nice farm. Last week he purchased the farm belonging to the Thomas Cavender estate known as the "Wilson T. Cavender Farm" for \$11,000. The farm is situated about a mile and a half from Smyrna, between Smyrna and Brenford, and contains 196 acres under high cultivation. The farm is now tenanted by Mr. William Baines who will doubtless be retained. Mr. Gears it is understood will convert it into a fruit farm and with the "Massey Farm" which he purchased last year will have two of the best paying and most prolific farms in this vicinity."

—Smyrna Times.

Shad Starting Early This Year
The Baltimore Herald says: Despite the fact that the upper Chesapeake bay and the Susquehanna river, the favorite spawning sections for the toothsome shad, have for weeks been covered with thousands of acres of heavy ice, the big silver scaled fellows have been fighting their way in the bays and up the bay toward the shallower fresh waters. For more than a month fine shad have been caught up the bay—a thing almost without precedent, as the run is not due to begin until about the middle of February or the first of March.

Delaware Society
The Delaware Society of New York will hold its fifteenth annual meeting and dinner at the Aldine Association, No. 111 Fifth avenue, New York, on February 16th. The following have been invited to attend the dinner and address the society: Governor Lea, Chancellor Nicholson, Chief Justice Lore, Judge Bradford, Judge Barrett, Hon. M. W. Littleton, A. J. Harrington and Hon. Anthony Higgins.

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
Doubtless one of the most imposing scenes that has ever graced Dales M. E. Church was the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. David Jefferson. Surrounded by their seven sons and several daughters-in-law and two grand children, the aged couple upon the rostrum crowned in honor while hosts of friends (white and colored) thronged the church. Dr. J. H. Nutter after special request took occasion to make an introduction of his new Edison graphophone which rendered the "Lord's Prayer" and "Lead Kindly Light" most suitably.

Addresses were delivered by Dr. Nutter and Rev. Waters which were highly opportune and pleasing as they pictured most beautifully the flowery path of matrimony. Rev. J. W. Jefferson son of aged couple, acted as spokesman for the family. His address was the embodiment of wit and filial love.

After the addresses the friends crowded round the honored two and extended many sincere congratulations. When the congratulations finally ceased there was found to be about \$75.00 in gold coin and bank notes presented to the couple, besides numerous gifts previously sent to the home.

The reception was held in the basement of the church, and covers were laid for about one hundred and fifty guests. The tables were beautifully decorated and laden with every conceivable delicacy. Among the many white folks present were Mr. and Mrs. Barnett and son Taylor and Mr. John W. Denny.

A few of the guests of honor were: Dr. and Mrs. Nutter and their daughter, Miss Estelle, Rev. and Mrs. Waters, Prof. W. H. Henry, Misses Lillian T. Waters, Emma M. Chippey, Amanda Draper, Mr. John W. Drummond, Mrs. Amanda Greene, Mrs. Rasin, Mrs. Scott and Mr. James West, Mr. and Mrs. Washington Rothwell, Miss Ida Johnson, Messrs. Brevard, Little, Scott, Messers. Levi Anderson, Frazier Robinson and William Moore officiated as caterers at the banquet.

A GUEST.

SEED PERPLEXING FARMERS
The question of seeds and how best to get the land seeded the past few years has been one of great perplexity to farmers; especially does this truth apply to clover. In this one seed of late years failure is the rule and a good seed is the exception. A reason for these conditions lies somewhere but where is yet unsolved. The fertile soil fails to account for the reason is the general sentiment. Two other reasons most generally brought forward are first, that our land has become "clover sick," second, seedsmen perhaps put seed on the market each year which has been left unused in the previous year markets, therefore, too old to germinate. Progressive farmers are looking about for something other than clover in which to place his money with more confidence. The Agricultural department may have solved the difficulty. Incidentally it has come to the writer that this department has discovered a chemical preparation which if applied to the soil or seed serves as an inoculation which drives legume such as clover alfalfa and podded plants to take nitrogen from the air instead of the soil. All farmers know that to get nitrogen in the soil sufficiently entails great expense while the air is about us is laden with it. This discovery and the results as stated would strike the average thoughtful reader as a fake but it is a fact the government has been making tests in a small way and will furnish farmers who will write to the Agricultural Department for information and instructions how to test and prove it for himself will receive a very satisfactory reply. Those who have read the President's last message may have seen his statement that two thousand specialists are employed by the government, whose duty it is to make research into all the sciences of production and that Congress appropriates six million annually to carry on the work. Uncle Sam won't fail you and it will be comparatively inexpensive to ask him even for legume to direct you in obtaining nitrogen from the air in their growth.

USEFUL TO KNOW
Bread boards should be scrubbed with sand or salt to keep the wood a good color.

To clean gas fixtures, rub them with cut lemon then wash them off with hot water.

To sprinkle the clothes lukewarm water should be used.

A good housekeeper should possess two or three brooms, and by doing this all are saved and in the end it is decidedly more economical.

Tea leaves sprinkled over the carpet before sweeping give it a fresh and new appearance.

A drop of olive oil rubbed on the silver before putting it away will keep it bright and shining.

To cool off a very hot oven set a pan of cold water in it.

Port Deposit Feels Flood
With ice gorged in the Susquehanna and below the town of Port Deposit, Md., frozen solid to the bottom of the river in many places, and now an eight inch snow on top of that, the conditions all point to a first-class ice gorge, and a flooded town. All homes on the river side of the town are divested of carpets, and denuded of furniture on the first or living floors, in anticipation of a rush at any time.

CURRENT PRICES
MIDDLETOWN GRAIN MARKET.
CORRECTED WEEKLY BY JOHN W. JOLLS.
Wheat—No. 1 13 1/2 (Cor.) 37
No. 2 10 1/2 Yellow, shelled 47
Timothy Seed \$2.05 48
Clover Seed 13 1/2 54
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CORRECTED WEEKLY BY W. T. CONNELLEY.
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PUBLIC SALE I
The undersigned will sell at Public Sale at the residence of the late Dr. J. H. Hardcastle, W. Main st., Middletown, Del., ON SATURDAY, FEB. 4, 1905 AT 1.30 O'CLOCK, P. M.
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APPEAL FOR A CANAL SURVEY
DOVER, DEL., February 1st.—As a result of the hearing given to a delegation from the Wilmington Board of Trade, yesterday, on the proposed Delaware and Chesapeake Canal, the House passed a resolution today, concurred in by the Senate, urging Congress to make provision at this session for a preliminary survey.

The resolution declared that army and naval officials have long recognized the necessity of such an inland waterway to facilitate national and coast defense, and that trade interests demand it in order to increase coastwise commerce between the North and South.

In the Senate the matter of employing typewriters was disposed of by adopting the amended resolution increasing the salary from \$12 to \$15 per week.

Senators Stirling and Penwell introduced bills relative to abolishing the registration fee of \$1, now a pre-requisite to voting.

Representative Benson, an act to prohibit the use of pool tables, billiard tables and shuffleboards in licensed saloons.

Representative Lingo, a bill for the appropriation of \$500 for the erection of a monument to commemorate the memory of General John Dayworthy, one of Delaware's honored sons; also an act to incorporate the town of Frankford.

CALIFORNIA
The Pennsylvania Railroad Company has arranged for a special personally-conducted tour through California, to leave New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Washington on February 16, by the "Golden Gate Special," composed exclusively of Pullman parlor smoking, dining, drawing-room sleeping, compartment, and observation cars, returning by March 21. This special train will be run over the entire route. The best hotels will be used where extended stops are made, but the train will be at the constant command of the party.

Round-trip tickets covering all necessary expenses, \$375 from all points on Pennsylvania Railroad except Pittsburgh, from which point the rate will be \$370.

For itineraries and further information apply to ticket agents: C. Studds, Eastern Passenger Agent, 263 Fifth Ave., New York; Hugh Hasson, Jr., Passenger Agent Baltimore District, Baltimore, Md.; B. M. Newbold, Passenger Agent South-eastern District, Washington, D. C.; Thos. E. Watt, Passenger Agent Western District, Pittsburgh, Pa.; or address Geo. W. Boyd, General Passenger Agent, Philadelphia.

FLORIDA
The first Pennsylvania Railroad tour of the season to Jacksonville, allowing two weeks in Florida, will leave New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Washington by special train on January 31.

Excursion tickets, including railway transportation, Pullman accommodations (one berth), and meals en route in both directions while traveling on the special train, will be sold at the following rates: New York, \$20.00; Trenton, \$19.00; Philadelphia, Harrisburg, Baltimore, and Washington, \$48.00; Pittsburgh, \$53.00 and at proportionate rates from other points.

Similar tours will be run February 14 and 28.

For tickets, itineraries, and other information, apply to ticket agents, or to Geo. W. Boyd, General Passenger Agent Broad Street Station, Philadelphia.

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Boys' Wool Gloves, all kinds, 25c.

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Women's fine all-wool Kersey Coats, velvet collar, strap seams, full satin-lined, \$8.00, \$10.00, and \$12.00 Coats, now all marked \$2.50.

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\$7.50 Overcoats now \$5.00.

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.. TROUBLESOME LENORE ..

BY MARGOT MAUDE

[CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK]

"Why do you do it?" he demanded. "What pleasure can there be in hurting such a man as Hubert Percival? I say nothing of Dick Farquhar—perhaps with him it is fair play. He has made plenty of girls unhappy, they say, and I dare say that you have what reason can give you for leading him on to this when you knew that you had no intention of marrying him?"

"I did not know."

"You meant to marry him? You care for him? Is it only some lover's quarrel, then? Did you tell your mother that?"

"I told her, as I tell you—though I really don't see what right you have to ask me"—and her eyes flashed angrily; they were no longer tearful, but defiant and bright—"that I did mean to marry him. I must marry someone, and I liked him, and I saw that he loved me. I did mean to marry him, but at the last I couldn't!"

"Why not?"

"Because I don't love him! There I say it—because I don't love him! I don't love him—but at least I won't marry a man whom I don't love! I won't, unless I am driven to it. You stand there and preach to me, but you take upon yourself to judge me, and to yourself! Are you so perfect? Is your marriage quite all that it should be? If there had been no question of money and land, would you and Lady May have married one another? I don't think so. I don't believe that you care for each other a bit, and I should be ashamed to see you broken off suddenly."

"If you have quite finished," he said icily, "you may go. I did not ask you for your opinion on my engagement."

She did go. She had always been rather afraid of Angus, and wondered in her heart how she had dared to speak to him as she had done, but it was unbearable that he should scold her. For her mother to do so was a different thing. She spent most of the day in her room, and appeared at dinner looking very white and downcast. If only Captain Percival had never come to Freely! She thought regretfully. She had been so happy then, and now—She looked at her mother and Angus. They were both unrelenting. How miserable she was!

When, a moment later, Angus spoke to her kindly and quietly about some trifling matter, she felt as if she could have thanked him openly. She looked at him with her big eyes full of gratitude, and answered his question hoarsely and humbly. He had asked her if she was going to the Greys' on the next day, and she had said no.

"She will go to no more parties of any sort," Angus said, quietly but sternly. "I cannot trust her out of sight."

"You are awfully hard on her," said Angus quickly. "After all, she is only a child, and—"

"She is old enough to know the harm that she does. Please don't excuse her conduct, Angus; you mean it kindly, but—"

"No—please don't!" Lenore said, but once again she looked at him gratefully. "I don't deserve any one to stand up for me, and mother is quite right. I won't go out any more, and—try to forgive me, mother! Indeed I am sorry, and I will try to behave differently."

She got up from the table and rushed away with a muttered excuse.

"You know about it, then?" Angus asked, and looked up quickly.

"Yes—I made her tell me."

"What is to become of her?" All Mrs. Daintrey's quiet calm had deserted her, and her lips trembled as she asked the agitated question. "Supposing anything happened to me, what is to become of Lenore? Angus, don't go against me, but help me! It is for the child's sake. What can I do before her but misery if she goes on like this? It is heart-breaking! It is not once or twice, remember! At least five men have loved her, and, after making them think that she cared for them, she has tossed them away. What am I to do with her?"

It was not an easy question to answer, although he felt sorry for her when he saw her evident misery. No one could deny that Lenore was entirely in the wrong. Five men! Angus smiled a little bitterly as he thought of it. Well, he could sympathize with them.

When he went into his study after dinner the girl followed him noiselessly, and he turned with a start at the sound of her voice.

"Cousin Angus, I want to thank you for speaking for me kindly," she said. "Oh, I know," she continued recklessly, "that you did not do so because you don't agree with mother, but, after my rudeness to you, it was good of you, and I want to thank you, and to say that I am sorry!"

"Sorry for what, Lenore?" He spoke a little coldly.

"For what I said about you and Lady May. I had no business to say it—it was only because I was angry, and wanted to hurt you. Will you forgive me?"

"Yes—I forgive you."

"And you will speak to me kindly sometimes, cousin Angus? I shall know that it is not because you are forgetting, and I am so miserable! Mother will not forgive me for a long time, and I deserve it; but it makes me so wretched. I almost feel"—she hesitated, and then went on—"I almost thought of writing to Captain Percival to tell him that I have changed my mind, and that I will marry him; but I know that I should never be able to carry it through, and it would only make matters worse if I got engaged to him and then threw him over."

"Decidedly worse!"

"So I must just wait; but it shall be the last time!" she vowed earnestly, "the very last! It shall never happen again, though mother never believe me! I can't forget her voice and her face—though he said so little—and I despise myself! But he will get over it," she added feverishly. "He won't suffer long; I am not worth it!"

"I don't think it is always the worst; who gains the most love; I don't think

that he will soon forget! But keep your word, Lenore—that is all that you can do now! Don't lead any more men on to this!"

"I feel as if I never wanted to speak to a man again! But you will really forgive me?" She came closer to him, and looked up at him with beseeching eyes. They were such lovely eyes! It was no wonder that Captain Percival should find it hard to forget them. A few angry words are not much to forgive. You haven't broken my heart!" he said rather bitterly.

"He said he forgave me too," she said, in a low voice.

"He is more forgiving than I should have been, then! Good-night, Lenore! You had better go to bed now; you look as if you had a bad headache."

"I have a bad headache, and a bad heartache, and every other ache," she said, with her rather reckless laugh. "But I deserve them all. Good-night, Cousin Angus, and thank you for being so kind to me!"

CHAPTER VII

After that evening the time passed quietly at Freely. Lenore was silent and depressed, and very careful in her treatment of any man who came to the house. Dick Farquhar was staying in the neighborhood, and showed a wish to follow in Captain Percival's footsteps, but not even her mother could accuse Lenore of encouraging him. To Dick the utter change in her manner was amazing and maddening. What had he done? He pestered her with questions, and met her unsmiling short answers with angry reproaches. It was the very worst treatment that she could have adopted, so far as he was concerned. If she had continued to smile on him, as he was accustomed to being smiled upon, he might have changed his mind, for he was exceedingly fickle; but, when he saw that Lenore was apparently determined to have nothing more to do with him, he immediately made up his mind that she had injured him, and she was treating him vilely, and that his only wish was to marry her.

Lenore met him again at a dinner party, and there he showed his feelings plainly. Angus had said that Lenore was to go, if she was invited, and Angus, despite her determination that her daughter should not go out, could not refuse. Already there had been many whispers through the neighborhood about Captain Percival's rejection and disappearance. The Moncktons had not scrupled to lay all the blame on Lenore's shoulders, and many people had since regarded her coldly.

Dick Farquhar followed her about like a shadow. In desperation, she turned to a stranger and talked to him. She was very angry with Dick, for she had really given him very little encouragement.

She was truly thankful when Angus told her, two days later, that he had forbidden Dick to make her conspicuous any more by his demonstrative attentions.

"I said I wouldn't have him!" he declared. "You don't care for him?"

"Not in the least; and I am always afraid that mother may think that I am to blame, but in this case I really am not!"

"No—in this case you were unusually and beautifully innocent of offence."

"Mother is beginning to speak to me again," the girl continued more brightly. "If she would only believe that I really mean what I say—that nothing will induce me to flirt again!"

"Pride goes before a fall," he answered lightly; "but keep your word, Lenore, for the sake of us all."

But, after only two days more, he was sending her fiercely.

"This is what comes of trusting to your word!" he said angrily. They were alone in the drawing room, and had just returned from a garden party. It had rained persistently all the afternoon, and the guests had been driven into the house to amuse themselves as best they could.

"Do you not call it flirting to spend the whole afternoon in the picture gallery alone with Colonel Ferrers?"

"Colonel Ferrers! But he is old enough to be my father!"

"He is not too old to fall in love with you. It is easy enough to see that he has already done so. Why do you tell me, Lenore? You know how it vexes your mother—how it torments me!"

"Tortures you?" Lenore looked up with real alarm. Her face turned white and then crimson. "Cousin Angus!"

"Yes"—he spoke recklessly now—"you taunted me once, do you remember? You said, 'Look to yourself, are you so perfect?' I am going to show you now what you have made of my honor! No, that is not fair! Here you are blaming me. Is it your fault if I love you too?"

"You love me too?" She repeated his words in a dazed fashion. "Cousin Angus, you must be mad—this can't be true!"

"Because I, too, am old enough to be your father? I am not quite that! But still I am too old to have any hopes that you could care for me."

"Not because of that?" cried the girl quickly, and then flushed even more deeply red. "But—I have believed in you as if you were the soul of honor—and you are engaged to Lady May!"

"I am engaged to Lady May. You remember your telling me that you did not believe we carried a rap for one another? That too was true, and yet we are to be married—unless—"

"You will be married of course!" Lenore was very white now, and she turned as if to leave him. "I know that you will soon forget this—madness!"

"I shall never forget. Lenore, you do not laugh at me, as I have thought that you would. You do not speak angrily—you only turn away; you despise me, then?"

"Oh, it seems impossible!" She spoke nervously and indistinctly. "I never thought that—I never dreamed that you cared."

"Didn't you? And yet you seemed me of watching you?"

"I thought that you did it because

I was not to be trusted."

"I did it because I could not help it. From the first, Lenore, it has been the same. It has been a veritable fascination, and, if I had not guarded against it with all my will, I should have told you long ago. I went away after Hope's wedding for that reason; I dared not stay. But what was the use? Although I did not see you, I thought of you by day, I dreamed of you by night, and it made me mad to think of your smiling at other men—accepting their worship, the worship they were free to offer. I wondered what you were doing. I cursed my bondage, and then remembered that, even if I were free, it would be no different. You would have thrown aside my love, as you have come of that others. In comparison to some of them, what had I to offer?"

"Am I so greedy—so grasping?" she asked, in a low hurried whisper; but he did not heed the interruption and went on.

"I—I longed for the sound of your voice, the sight of your face. What was the use of my staying away? It did me no good—it only added to my madness. It made me picture you always with others, and then, when I came back, you greeted me with the name of poor Percival—everything was Percival!"

"That soon ended," she interrupted dryly.

"Yes, but except that I was spared the daily torture of his visits, it made no change to me. Lenore, what can I do?"

She was crying quietly.

"Dear cousin Angus, how can I tell you?"

"You blame me for telling you?"

"I do not blame you—I am not free to blame any one."

"I could not be silent. Sometimes it seems to me that it is only a madness, a sort of witchery, that if I could hold you in my arms and kiss you, it might pass, and I might be free again." He had spoken half dreamily, and he started when she touched his arm and looked up at him with a very white face.

"Try," she said.

"Lenore! What do you mean?"

"Try. Kiss me, if you will, if it will make you happier—if it will cure you of the infatuation that you have."

"I hate!" He smiled rather sadly. "I wish I did hate it. No, little girl, forgive my unmanly ravings, and—don't tempt me, Lenore! I was mad to say what I did, and you are surely not going to be unhappy about it? I thought that you took the sufferings of your victims very lightly, Lenore!"

"But not you—oh, I know it can't come to anything; you are bound to Lady May, and I can be nothing to you, but I do love you! Won't you believe me?"

"I cannot believe you!" he said hoarsely. "You, to whom every one offers his love, offers everything that he has to give, you love me—it cannot be true, Lenore!"

"It is true. From the first—they are your own words—very nearly from the first, cousin Angus—I felt that you were different from the rest. I hated to see you frown at me, and I hated Lady May. I think that it was that that made me flirt with Captain Percival—I wanted to get away, and I thought that I could marry him, but—I could not."

"And you love me?" He took her hands and gazed searchingly into her face. "This is not coquetry? You are not trying to—"

"Oh, you don't trust me a bit!" she cried, with very evident pain.

"If this be true, Lenore, my love, it shall not end here. May does not care for me, she will set me free, and—"

"No—she shall not!" She shuddered at his words, and tried to drag her hands away from him. "I won't let you do that for my sake! Do you think mother would ever forgive me if I did? Should I ever be able to forgive myself? Never! Not even for your will to do that! I have some poor idea of honor left, and—I will go away. You shall not break your engagement for my sake! This is only a passing madness, as you yourself said, and you will forget it when you see me no longer. Let me go, Angus!"

"I will not let you go." He took her into his arms, tenderly but firmly. "Lenore, if you only hesitate because of your mother, because you—should be blamed, dearest, that is not reason enough; if you really love me, I will not let you go. We will face the talk. May will release me at once if I ask her."

"And you would do that?"

"I would do that."

"And you would hate yourself—and me too, afterwards. You shall not do that! You shall not let people talk of you—in the way that they would talk of my sake, Angus. Unless you promise me not to do it, I will go to mother now, and tell her the truth, and she will send me away at once, and you will never even see me again."

"Lenore, your mother is not infallible! Because she would refuse happiness to me on such terms, that does not say that she is wrong to give it up!"

"It says that I am. Badly as I have succeeded, I have always tried to take mother's view of life—it is better to be hard on one's self than hard on others. Perhaps I ought not to have told you that I loved you—I don't know—but it seemed to me that, if I expected nothing to be changed, I had the right to tell you that, as I mean to be true to that love—always."

"If I keep to this engagement—a loveless one on both sides, remember, Lenore, and made only in obedience to my own whim, because he wished May to have Stanley as well as the money—will you still be true to me? You will not marry?"

"I will be true. I will not marry."

"It is impossible for me to keep to it. Lenore, dearest, let me have my way in this; let me tell May the truth. At any rate, let her have her choice. Should she wish to keep me to the engagement when she knows that I love you, then—"

"At the very first word she would give you up!" Lenore said quickly. "I know Lady May well enough to know that if I believed as you do, that this was a loveless engagement on both sides, I would let her speak. For the sake of the money and the estate, I should not feel that you were bound to give me up if you loved me, but—I do not believe it."

"You believe that I care for May?" Lenore, that is absurd! You see that

I am ready to give up everything for you, that I love the very ground that you walk on—"

"I believe"—she interrupted him hurriedly—"I believe—I feel sure that—Lady May cares for you."

That she was right Angus absolutely refused to believe. May was as absolutely indifferent to him as he was to her. If she cared for any one, it was that confounded young Skelton. It might be that she, too, would be glad to be released from an unwelcome engagement.

"Then she can release you! She knows—you do not take much trouble to hide it—that you do not care for her."

"Do I show it so plainly? Then—if she is indeed so proud as you say, Lenore, why does she let it go on?"

"Because, even if she knows that you do not care for her, she probably does not know that you do care for any one else. I am right, indeed, cousin Angus; I know it—I feel it. All along I have known that she does care. At first I was angry with you—I thought that you were cruel—and then—"

"And then, Lenore?"

"And then—I was glad. I despise myself for saying so—I despised myself then for thinking so, but—you may as well know the worst of me! I am not good, I am not unselfish—and I was glad that you did not love her. Now I am not glad!"

"I am sure that you are wrong—entirely wrong!" he said obstinately, "but—let us wait for a week, then, Lenore! May comes here next week; let us wait and judge if this should be true. If May cares for me, I will not ask her to break our engagement."

"You couldn't! You have been engaged now for more than a year, and I am right—she does care for you!"

"In that case," he said idly, "I will give you up. I shall insist on my marrying me at once, and I will never see you again—but—"

"Don't say 'but'! There will be no 'but.' If you try honestly, you will find that she does care for you, and—I don't think that you ought to let her put it off; I believe she only does it because she thinks that you do not care for her enough."

"And you? What will you do, Lenore?"

"I shall ask mother to let me try for a situation somewhere," she answered bravely. "I shall tell her the truth directly you have seen Lady May, Angus. She will let me go, and she will not blame me, I think. She will believe—I shall be able to make her believe that now—that I am to be trusted."

"And you think that we can go on like this?" he asked rather wildly. "How am I to treat you, Lenore? Can you tell me that?"

"I am sure that we can go on," she said steadily, "if—we determine that we will be true. From this moment I will not speak to you any word that Lady May might hear. You must say the same."

"You are awfully hard. I can hardly believe that it is the same Lenore—the little girl who flirted so lightly, so cruelly—who is now so stern to herself and to me."

"I didn't care for them. Promise me, Angus, and then I will go."

"Kiss me first, then." He came close to her, and spoke entreatingly. "You offered to let me kiss you a few minutes ago, Lenore."

"Then I believed that you did not really care; you said that it would cure you of an unhappy infatuation—now it is different."

"And—supposing that you are right, and I feel that the bond is broken, you will bid me good-bye like this, Lenore? Without one kiss of pity?"

"No"—she spoke very low—"When it is really good-bye—good-bye forever—you may kiss me if you will, Angus. It could not do her any harm—then."

[CONCLUDED NEXT WEEK]

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NEW CASTLE COUNTY, DE.

TO THE SHERIFF OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY, GREETING:

Whereas, Isaac H. Taylor by his Petition to the Judges of our Superior Court, filed in the office of the Prothonotary of said County, for the cause of complaint therein alleged, has made application to our said Judges that a decree may be pronounced dissolving the marriage existing between the Petitioner and Adda Taylor.

We, therefore, command you, as you were heretofore commanded, that you summon Adda Taylor that she be and appear before the Judges of our said Court at the next term thereof to be held at Wilmington, on Monday, the Sixth day of February next to answer the allegations of the said petitioner, Isaac H. Taylor, according to the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided, and also to do and receive what the Court shall then and there consider concerning her in this behalf as the Court shall meet and consistent with the provisions of the said Act of Assembly.

And have you then there this writ.

Witness the Honorable Chas. B. Lore, at Wilmington, the Fourth day of January, A. D. nineteen hundred and five.

FRANK L. SPEAKMAN, Prothonotary.

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We, therefore, command you, as you were heretofore commanded, that you summon Maudie Cully, that she be and appear before the Judges of our said Court at the next term thereof to be held at Wilmington, on Monday, the Sixth day of February next to answer the allegations of the said petitioner, Robert Henry Cully, according to the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided, and also to do and receive what the Court shall then and there consider concerning her in this behalf as the Court shall meet and consistent with the provisions of the said Act of Assembly.

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We, therefore, command you, as you were heretofore commanded, that you summon Harry M. Cassell, that he be and appear before the Judges of our said Court at the next term thereof to be held at Wilmington, on Monday, the Sixth day of February next to answer the allegations of the said petitioner, Elsie V. Cassell, according to the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided, and also to do and receive what the Court shall then and there consider concerning him in this behalf as the Court shall meet and consistent with the provisions of the said Act of Assembly.

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